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SUBJECT: MESSAGE OF STRONG SUPPORT FOR SRSG DELIVERED TO
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¶1. (SBU) Speaking at the informal weekly "coffee" gathering of the North Atlantic Council on March 11, Ambassador Nuland told Allies the U.S. welcomed the appointment of Kai Eide as the Special Representative for the Secretary General in Afghanistan and intended to put together a series of high-level meetings in Washington for Eide prior to Bucharest. She urged Allies to roll out the welcome mat for Eide in capitals in order to send him off to Kabul with high-level endorsements and momentum. The Norwegian PermRep - speaking informally - passed along information that he had heard Eide's calendar would likely not permit visits to capitals prior to the Bucharest Summit April 2-4.

¶2. (U) SYG de Hoop Scheffer issued a statement on March 10 welcoming the appointment of Kai Eide as SRSG and looking forward to working closely with him.
NULAND